

SWORN-IN VOLUNTEERS IN THE STATE OF NEW
HAMPSHIRE—Continued

Senator: Jeanne Shaheen

Volunteer name	Country of service	Start of service date	Projected COS date
Vinson, Laura M	Ecuador	29-Aug-2008	27-Aug-2010
Wiggum, Candice D	Macedonia	26-Nov-2009	25-Nov-2011
Wilkinson, Amy T	Uganda	22-Apr-2009	21-Apr-2011
Wrocklage, James W	Azerbaijan	09-Dec-2009	08-Dec-2011
Total Volunteers: 48.			

CONGRATULATING THE 2010
MICHIGAN WINTER OLYMPIANS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate all of the athletes who competed in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia. The Olympics was a spectacular and awe-inspiring event that captured the attention and imagination of people across the globe. While the athletes often come from very different backgrounds and cultures, they share a bond that will last forever: each has earned the title of Olympian. Indeed, it was heartwarming to watch these athletes come together to showcase their talents in peaceful competition over a two week span.

The United States was represented by an extraordinary group of athletes. As a team, these talented and determined competitors brought home 37 medals, the most medals ever for the United States in the Winter Games. There were many breathtaking moments and several firsts for the U.S. team. Michigan was well represented with close to two dozen athletes competing in a range of sports. I am proud of each person that represented the United States, and I am particularly proud of those with ties to Michigan. In fact, leading the parade of American athletes and holding the American Flag during the opening ceremonies was Michigan's own Mark Grimmette, a luger who competed in his fifth and last Olympic Games.

Michigan continued its long tradition of hosting and facilitating the training of world-class athletes for the Winter Games. More than three dozen athletes sharpen their skills at the Olympic Education Center, OEC, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. In fact, the entire U.S. short track speed skating team trained at some point at the OEC leading up to the Games. This wonderful facility has provided for the training of athletes in a number of Olympic disciplines and has been an integral part of the success of many Olympic athletes since its inception in 1985.

Shani Davis, who became the first African-American speed skater to win gold in an individual event in the Winter Games in 2006, displayed the skill and speed that has become his hallmark. This Northern Michigan University Alumnus secured gold in the 1,000 meters, setting yet another milestone by becoming the first person to win this event in back to back Olympic Games. Travis Jayner from Midland earned bronze as part of the U.S. 5,000

meter relay team at the Games. Long track speed skater Ryan Bedford from Midland also had a solid performance, placing 12th in the 10,000 meter race in his first Olympic appearance. Jilleanne Rookard, a speed skater from Woodhaven, competed in three individual and one team event. Her best finish was fourth in the team pursuit. Competing in her second Winter Games, Kimberly Derrick, a graduate of Northern Michigan University, competed in the 1,500 meter individual race.

The United States men's hockey team won silver in Vancouver, a remarkable performance that captivated Americans, whether they were dedicated hockey fans or newcomers to the sport. The men's journey to the gold medal game was buoyed by goaltender Ryan Miller from East Lansing, MI. Miller, a Michigan State University alumnus, earned Most Valuable Player honors for his phenomenal play throughout, which enabled the young American team to make a run for the gold. There were several members of the men's team with ties to Michigan that contributed to the hockey team's success, including Tim Thomas from Flint, Tim Gleason from Clawson, Jack Johnson from Ann Arbor, Ryan Kesler from Livonia and Brian Rafalski from Dearborn, who now plays for the Detroit Red Wings of the NHL. In fact, 14 of the 25 member U.S. roster are either from Michigan or played organized hockey at some point in Michigan.

The men's gold medal game was one of the great hockey games I have seen—and I have seen a lot. The U.S. hockey team tied the score in the final, hectic seconds of regulation to send this thrilling game into overtime. While the team ultimately lost in overtime, the heart they displayed was forever etched in our minds.

A number of Red Wings players represented their home countries at the Winter Games, including Mike Babcock, head coach of the Canadian team; Pavel Datsyuk of Russia; Valtteri Filppula of Finland; and Johan Franzen, Niklas Kronwall, Nicklas Lidstrom, and Henrik Zetterberg of Sweden.

The U.S. women's hockey team matched the men's success by securing silver in Vancouver. Their dominating performance throughout the Olympics culminated in a fierce battle against Canada in the gold-medal game. The lone Michigania on the team, Angela Ruggiero from Harper Woods, played well throughout, scoring three goals and an assist in the tournament. In a demonstration of the respect this four-time Olympian has earned, her fellow athletes from around the world selected Ruggiero to serve as one of the athletes' representatives to the International Olympic Committee.

In Ice Dancing, Meryl Davis and Charlie White from West Bloomfield and Dearborn, respectively, skated with grace and precision to secure the silver medal. Their performance was

truly stunning. Joining them on the medal podium were Scott Moir and Tessa Virtue of Canada. Both teams train in Canton, MI, at the Arctic Figure Skating Club. Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates, who train at the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club, skated beautifully and finished 11th overall. All three pairs were a joy to watch, and to have three teams that train in Michigan perform so well is a tribute to Michigan's commitment to the sport. Along with being a part of the 2010 Olympic Team, Meryl, Charlie, Emily, and Evan also are students at the University of Michigan. Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, the 2006 Torino silver medalists who formerly trained in Canton, MI, also skated well and placed fourth. The two-time United States Men's Champion Jeremy Abbott from the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills placed 9th in the tough and spirited men's individual figure skating contest.

There were many other dramatic moments and personal triumphs by Olympians from Michigan during the 2010 Winter Games. Bobsledder Michelle Rzepka from Novi, a graduate of Michigan State University, put forth a strong effort and finished sixth overall. Nick Baumgartner from Iron River competed with style and abundant flair in Snowboardcross in Vancouver. Caitlin Compton, a Northern Michigan University graduate, displayed great endurance and perseverance in competing in three cross country events, with a top finish of sixth in the team sprint free.

I know I speak for all Michigania in expressing appreciation and congratulations to all of the athletes, coaches, and administrators who took part in the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. It is with particular pride that I salute the athletes from Michigan. The commitment, drive, and competitive spirit of these athletes were on full display for the world to witness. The feats of these gifted and determined athletes have inspired us all.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2968. An act to make certain technical and conforming amendments to the Lanham Act.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, March 5, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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